



# News from the Committee on Natural Resources

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## The Weekly Preview

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### **This Week's Hearings and Markups:**

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- On Wednesday and Thursday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will hold a two-part legislative hearing on the **"Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act of 2009"** (**H.R. 3534**), legislation introduced by Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) on September 8, 2009, to further the Nation's goals of securing a reliable and sustainable supply of American energy. The CLEAR Act would make several important changes to current law in an effort to create greater efficiencies, transparency, and accountability in the development of federal energy resources.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [backgrounder](#) and a [section-by-section summary](#) of the CLEAR Act or to access witness testimony following the conclusion of [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of the hearing. (September 16 - 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1334 Longworth House Office Building)

### **In Case You Missed It:**

- This week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following 7 bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
  - [H.R. 1043](#) (George Miller): To provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes. *"Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act"*
  - [H.R. 1287](#) (Visclosky): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes. *"Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Partnership Act"*

- [H.R. 1858](#) (Betsy Markey): To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land, and for other purposes.
- [H.R. 310](#) (Boren): To provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes. *"HALE Scouts Act"*
- [H.Res. 541](#) (Abercrombie): Recognizing and honoring the restoration and renovation of the Bishop Museum's historic Hawaiian Hall, the Nation's premier showcase for Hawaiian culture and history, on the occasion of the Museum's 120th anniversary.
- [H.Res. 361](#) (Ros-Lehtinen): Recognizing the historical significance of Historic Virginia Key Beach Park of Miami, Florida.
- [H.R. 965](#) (Sarbanes): To amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network. *"Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act"*
- On September 10, the **Committee on Natural Resources** approved the following 11 bills:
  - [H.R. 685](#) (Clay): To require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes. *"United States Civil Rights Trail System Act of 2009"*
  - [H.R. 1593](#) (Rick Larsen): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
  - [H.R. 2802](#) (Delahunt): To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.
  - [H.R. 2806](#) (Doc Hastings): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes.

- [H.R. 3113](#) (Rahall): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. *"Upper Elk River Wild and Scenic Study Act"*
- [H.R. 2008](#) (Matheson): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. *"Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act"*
- [H.R. 2265](#) (Chaffetz): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes. *"Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 2442](#) (George Miller): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes. *"Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 2522](#) (Gallegly): To raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes.
- [H.R.2741](#) (Walden): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes.
- [H.R.2950](#) (Matheson): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

**Quotable Quote:**

"Last year, upon lifting the moratorium on oil and gas drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Americans were handed an opportunity to explore the vast potential of our public energy resources in offshore waters. This legislation lays the groundwork to ensure those resources are developed as efficiently and expeditiously as possible so that domestic oil and gas can begin flowing from those newly opened areas."

– Chairman Rahall, upon announcing a two-part legislative hearing on the **"Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act of 2009"** ([H.R. 3534](#)) on September 10, 2009. Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [backgrounder](#) and a [section-by-section summary](#) of the CLEAR Act for additional information on the bill.

**Calendar:**

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<b>Monday 9/14</b>	<b>Tuesday 9/15</b>	<b>Wednesday 9/16</b>	<b>Thursday 9/17</b>	<b>Friday 9/18</b>
		Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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